

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application and claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, and 17 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Stefik et al. in view of the so-called Applicant's own admissions.

Features of the present invention are the detection of a copyrighted work in communication data uploaded from a client on a communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client, and the prohibition of the uploading/downloading of the detected copyrighted work to/from the server. See Figs. 1-3 and their corresponding descriptions in the present application, for example.

Independent claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 17 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Stefik et al. in view of the so-called Applicant's own admissions fails to show or suggest the detection of a copyrighted work in communication data uploaded from a client on a communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client, and the prohibition of the uploading/downloading of the detected copyrighted work.

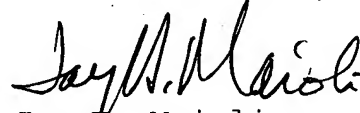
Stefik et al. is merely teaching a license control system

for denying or approving the use of a licensed product. See Col. 2, lines 13-16 of Stefik et al. Nowhere in Stefik et al. is disclosed or suggested the detection and prohibition of an uploading/downloading of a copyrighted work and, because there are no features in the so-called Applicant's own admissions, being directed to defining the problem associated with illegal uploads, that somehow could be combined with Stefik et al. and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 17 and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Stefik et al. in view of the so-called Applicant's own admissions.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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